

CONFIDENTIALOLL 84-1884
7 May 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Senator Jesse Helms (R., NC)

1. On 7 May 1984, I met with Senator Helms in his office to provide him with written answers to questions he raised at a closed briefing for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on 25 January 1984 on Soviet violations of arms limitation agreements. On 21 February 1984, Sen. Helms formalized his request through a letter to CIA requesting answers to eleven issues which he specified in the Congressional Record, 1 February 1984, pages S619 and S620. The answers were prepared by the Arms Control Intelligence Staff and forwarded to the Office of Legislative Liaison (with the approval of the DDI and DDCI) in early April. On 9 April 1984, Sen. Helms' Executive Assistant Clint Fuller was informed that the answers were ready for delivery and would be provided to the Senator by an OLL officer at the Senator's earliest convenience. We explained that the responses included codeword material and had to be escorted. [redacted]

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2. Senate Foreign Relations Committee staffer Christopher Manion sat in on the 7 May meeting. He suggested that the Senator might want to retain a copy of the non-codeword answers and store it in his office safe. I explained that I was instructed to return the material to headquarters, but that it should be possible to later arrange for secure storage on the Hill. [redacted]

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3. Senator Helms showed little response to the substance of the answers but did not indicate dissatisfaction. The meeting concluded without his specific request to see the material again. David Sullivan, staff aide to Sen. Steven Symms (R., ID) did not attend the session, despite an earlier indication that he might do so. [redacted]

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